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Elephant Lake Road cell tower poses no risk, says contractor

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's taken a little longer than expected to convert cellular phone towers from LTE to 5G capacity as part of the Cell Gap Project.

Dysart's township council was updated March 28 about progress made by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), the group that's heading up the project.

Closing gaps in cellular coverage will improve service, help residents stay connected, and increase cellphone capacity in the region. Ultimately, better service will better support public safety through a more reliable 9-1-1 emergency service.

All that translates to a better tourism experience for visitors. Improved wireless service will cultivate a robust economy.

As many as 312 existing sites will be upgraded to support LTE cellphones and 5G service. So far, about 297 sites have been completed.

About 260 new sites will be built. As many as 74 sites will be located on existing towers of other service providers.

It's anticipated that the work will be completed by 2025.

"We are making very good progress in our upgrades," said Jason St. Pierre, the CEO at EORN.

However, he said, it was hoped the project would have been farther along by this point.

"It's taken us a little bit longer to get to this point than we'd initially anticipated when we developed the project," St. Pierre said.

While he characterized progress as favourable thus far, EORN will adopt a more aggressive pace over the next two years, he said.

Once the updated technology is in place, it'll be able to accommodate faster and newer technology as it comes onto market.

"What we're building today we really are looking to future proof our network," he said. "We're building the right network with the right coverage to be able to service not just today but also the future."

In Haliburton County, EORN has upgraded 19 of 21 towers. And all six towers in Dysart have been upgraded. They propose to build 31 new towers in the county, with 13 of them to be erected in Dysart.

"It is one of the most aggressive builds that we have within our eastern Ontario regional network plan with Rogers," St. Pierre said.

Jeff Iles, the township's planning and land information director, spoke to council about a 75-metre guyed communications tower Rogers proposed to put in an area of Elephant Lake Road northwest of Benoir Lake.

The proposed tower is in line with the EORN work to upgrade the service in the region.

The site location is about 264 metres from the nearest residence when policy dictates that at least a kilometre distance is preferred. And it's a guyed-style tower when a mono-pine style is encouraged.

"The applicant knows that the setback distance of 264 metres from a residence is consistent with other towers in Dysart and elsewhere," Iles said. "They further state that locating the tower 1,000 metres from a residence means that the tower would fail to cover the subscribers in the area."

Further, mono-pine style towers have a maximum height of 40 metres which is

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Hopping into Easter weekend

Abbey Gardens is getting ready for Easter at the Gardens, a festive celebration held on Saturday, Apr. 8 featuring an egg hunt, cookie decorating, Easter crafts, selfies with ponies, photos with the Easter Bunny, and a scavenger hunt. For tickets and more information, visit abbeygardens.ca/easter/. /Submitted



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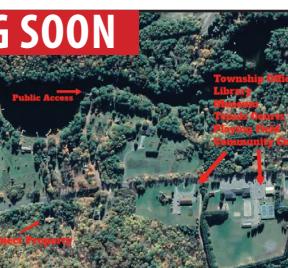
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Haliburton County needs a veterinarian, says local farmer

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The lack of a large animal veterinarian could have disastrous consequences for local livestock farmers.

Godfrey Tyler, an experienced farmer from Waverly Brook Farm in Haliburton Highlands, brought his concerns to Dysart council March 28.

While he spoke to council as a Dysart taxpayer, the lack of veterinarian services is a Haliburton County issue.

"I figured if I start here and you guys say this is something the county needs to address, then Dysart endorses it and move it up the food chain," he said.

This is a crisis of no large animal vet for Haliburton County, and it's a problem of varying degrees for most of Ontario.

He said some Veterinarians from surrounding communities are providing limited service to a limited number of large animal owners in Haliburton County. But there are large animal owners who have been unable to find any care for their animals.

Tyler said the University of Guelph trains most of Ontario's veterinarians. But, in recent years, there's been a high retirement rate from the profession and fewer graduates from the university.

"I've been one of very few that have made my living

in agriculture," Tyler said, and added that the number of farmers making such a living can be counted on one hand.

He said many agricultural operations are undertaken by homesteaders.

"These are the people that want to do their own thing," Tyler said. "They do their own thing. They have small plots of land, a few animals. They try to raise something for themselves and for their neighbours."

Homesteaders are probably in greater need of veterinarian services than the more experienced farmers who have been in the industry for more years and have more experience with their animals.

Agriculture is an industry that contributes much to Haliburton County's economy, he said. It provides local community food security.

Tyler has sent letters to industry stakeholder groups and to county and provincial politicians, describing the situation. But he believes such a letter from the township would carry more weight.

"This is an important issue to our community," he said. "When agriculture has a problem, we all have a problem."

Dysart council agreed to support the effort to get a large animal veterinarian to set up shop in the region. The township will bring the issue to the upper tier council.

Robinson's back in business

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

The iconic Robinson's General Store in the heart of Dorset will once again be opening its doors.

Joanne Robinson, the former owner of the business, took to the official Dorset public Facebook page on Mar. 24 to deliver the news. The Robinson family had owned the establishment for 100 years, from 1921 to 2021, when it was sold to Mike and Katie Hinbest. The couple ran into financial difficulties early into ownership, and as of Jan. 8, 2023, the building was closed indefinitely.

"We were, like all of you, disappointed and devastated when we learned that our beloved Robinson's General Store closed in January," shared Robinson in her public statement on Facebook. "Since then, we have been working hard in the background to find a solution to allow the business to re-open."

With the closure of the store, many were left without access to basic necessities in the Dorset area. "We understand the inconvenience this closure has caused the com-

munity and we thank you for your patience during this difficult time," said Robinson.

She took to the social media platform to introduce a new family in the ownership of Robinson's, led by brothers Ven Komina and Satya Jyesta, who will be assuming all operations moving forward.

Robinson noted that the brothers intend to open the doors in early April, based on the needs of the surrounding community. While the business will be open, she shared that the overall operations will take "weeks and months" to complete. In the post, she requested that the public be patient and supportive during the time of transition.

"We look forward to the community welcoming the new people and giving them all the support they need to allow the store to thrive again," concluded Robinson in the public statement.

The post garnered over 800 likes and nearly 400 shares across the platform, with well-wishes streaming in from Facebook users.

The store officially opened on Friday, March 31.

Specialist says other identified sites posed signal coverage concerns

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not of the height to meet the technical requirements.

Iles said the proposed site will have minimal impact on surrounding land uses.

Councillor Tammy Donaldson said the site acquisition specialist contracted by Rogers identified at least 10 sites suitable for the structure.

The chosen site, she said, is the only one that's located near a residence.

"Our communities are counting on council to protect their interest, and that's why we're elected," she said. "It's definitely not that we don't want cell service to our communities, it's just that there are other options or locations that are possible and other solutions ... and we need to recognize that."

Jeff McKay, the site acquisition specialist, said the public consultation process is an opportunity to address concerns and questions.

"There are no new comments raised here today that haven't been addressed fully, formally in the public consultation process," McKay said.

Telecommunication towers need to be situated where they can best cover a specific area, he said. And the Elephant Lake Road site is such a location.

"These towers pose a risk at no location that's publicly accessible, even at the base of the tower, to health or anything else," he said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey asked what the issues were that disqualified the other identified sites for the tower.

McKay said those sites weren't chosen because of signal coverage concerns. HD coverage would be displaced from residents if the tower was to be at a different site.

"At the location that we are, we're capturing hundreds of additional residents into that 5G good coverage radius, which is the product that cluster of people need," McKay said.

COVID-19-related visiting guidelines

Following direction from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Long-Term Care, and the HHHS COVID-19 Steering Committee, the following changes will be in effect as of Monday, April 3, 2023.

Passive screening for entry

All HHHS facilities, including Long-Term Care, will shift from 'active' to 'passive' screening for COVID-19 and respiratory symptoms. This means that visitors to the Emergency Department, In Patient Department, and both Hyland Crest and Highland Wood Long-Term Care home will be presented by a list of screening questions upon arrival at HHHS facilities.

Visitors will be expected to self-screen, based on these questions, and not proceed with their visit if they have any symptoms.

Ending of testing requirement for long-term care visitors

Visitors to Hyland Crest and Highland Wood Long-Term Care homes will no longer be required to be rapid tested for COVID-19 before entry. Rapid antigen tests will be made available on-site at each Long-Term Care home for those who wish to self-test before entering the homes.

Visitor masking requirements

While all visitors to any HHHS facility will still be required to wear a medical-grade mask indoors, there are no requirements for masking by visitors conducting outdoor visits with Long-Term Care residents.

For more information about HHHS' visiting policies, please visit www.hhhs.ca.

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Haliburton County COVID-19 Assessment Centre closed

Additional options for testing, assessments, and treatments available

With a reduction in demand for services at Community Assessment Centres across the province and current testing guidance, the Haliburton County COVID-19 Assessment Centre will close its doors today, March 31, 2023.

After this date, anyone in the community who wishes to access a COVID-19 test, assessment, or treatment can:

- contact their pharmacy or locate the nearest pharmacy that provides COVID-19 testing
- contact their primary care provider, such as a family doctor or nurse practitioner (patients of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre may call 705-457-1212 and press option 6)
- call 811 or visit ontario.ca/health811 for more information about testing, assessment, and treatment
- consult www.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations for an open assessment centres

Community members who think they may have COVID-19 and are seeking treatment should act quickly. Treatment needs to be started within five days of the start of symptoms.

If community members or their child has severe symptoms, or they are worried their child is severely ill, they should call 911 or visit the nearest Emergency Department.

For adults, severe symptoms include:

- shortness of breath
- chest pain

For children, severe symptoms include:

- working hard or straining to breathe (for example, the lower chest is moving in more than normal)
- when the child breathes, they are grunting or their nostrils are flaring

- bluish skin
- unable to breastfeed or drink
- loss of consciousness
- confusion
- very sleepy or difficult to wake
- urinating less than usual
- fever with rash
- seizures or convulsions
- fever in an infant younger than three months.

The Haliburton County COVID-19 Assessment Centre Partners would like to recognize all those who supported the establishment and operation of the Centre over the past three years.

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team (HHFHT) and Haliburton Family Medical Centre (HFMC) managed the day-to-day operations of the Haliburton County COVID-19 Assessment Centre, with a dedicated team of staff, the leadership of Kim Robinson, and the support of physicians, notably Dr. Judy Suke who provided physician leadership for the first two years. Haliburton County Paramedic Service was instrumental in providing staff coverage in the first two years, and Haliburton Highlands Health Services provided support in the way of supplies, laundry, lab services, the acquisition and maintenance of the trailer in the first two years, managing financial reporting, supporting communications, and in the provision of a staff member to assist with appointments and screening.

The Partners are also grateful to the Municipality of Dysart et al, who permitted use of the parking lot at the HFMC for the trailer, and Haliburton County staff, who assisted with directing traffic at the site.

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, Haliburton County Paramedic Service, Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Water levels below average for this time of year

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's the time of year when folks are waiting with bated breath to see if levels across the Burnt and Gull River watersheds will rise.

Kris Windover, the IRM Technical Specialist from the Minden Field Office at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, shared that while the future can never be guaranteed, the pace at which the thaw is taking place this year seems promising.

"Water levels throughout the reservoir lakes in Burnt and Gull River watersheds are average for this time of

year, and gradually filling with local run-off, snow melt and precipitation," he shared with the *Echo*.

He noted that while levels along local rivers seem to be slightly below average for this time of year, they are steadily increasing with precipitation. Windover says that while the accuracy for predicting precipitation is only good two to three days out, the remaining days of March are shaping up to be cooler than average seasonal temperatures. While the weather is subject to change, "minimal melt is anticipated over this time period," shared Windover.

Due to the fact that it's been a fairly mild winter overall, the snowpack across the Burnt and Gull River watersheds is trending at average to below average.

Windover shared with the *Echo* that the forecast over the next two weeks indicates that there is minimal precipitation expected, but of course this is subject to change at any time.

"Daily observations of weather, water flows, and snow conditions are conducted to make informed water management decisions," says Windover. For those interested in tracking the water levels and for information on flood preparedness and local and provincial flood messaging, you can visit www.ontario.ca/page/flood.

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County tourism takes on maple season

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

With warm days scattered throughout the month of March, the maple season is in full swing ahead of schedule this year. Tracie Bertrand, the director of tourism for the County of Haliburton, has been eager to hit the ground running.

"This is our second year partnering with the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association (OMSPA), and we have featured all the maple operators in the area who are part of it," Bertrand told the *Echo*.

OMSPA was started in 1966 as an organized board designed to represent maple producers across Ontario, and they currently represent 400 from across the province. Their mandates are dedicated to high-quality production and the best management practices available. There are six OMSPA recognized maple producers in the Haliburton Highlands.

Bertrand noted that maple syrup was traditionally seen as a small, seasonal activity, yet it should be seen as a viable, year-round business. "In tourism, yes, we promote it as a thing to do," said Bertrand, "but we need to consider these are agricultural producers. It's a big job."

OMSPA identified that in 2011, Ontario maple syrup producers made four million litres of syrup, which was valued at over 53 million. "Maple producers are businesses," said Bertrand, "it's really tied to the economic prosperity of the highlands."

With this in mind, Bertrand shared that the county tourism department is eager to continue celebrating the magic of maple season. "Maple season has been seen as a short-term trend," she said, "but what we are seeing now is that people want to understand the process."

She noted that she has seen an uptick of interest in maple from culinary providers, wellness facilities, and tourism operators. "People don't just want the taste anymore, they want the whole experience," she said.

With the unpredictability with the traditional tourism seasons of summer and winter, Bertrand and her team

have been brainstorming concepts that could carry the county's primary economic driver throughout the year. Historically, fall and spring seasons are trying times to plan and facilitate experiences.

"We are going to be calling these seasons 'the rejuvenation seasons'" said Bertrand, "and they will be times to rest, relax, and take a deep breath to collect ourselves." She said that by exploring the world of maple, this concept is put to practice.

"There are tremendous health benefits to maple syrup," she said. "It's no secret that wellness tourism is on the rise, and this gives us an opportunity to follow those trends that are set by our visitors."

The County of Haliburton has identified all Haliburton Highlands maple syrup producers on their tourism website, each one tied to a leaf-shaped marker on an embedded Google map, allowing visitors to explore the local maple operators, and showcase the industry in the region. You can find a full list of maple syrup providers, as well as maple-themed tours and experiences at myhaliburtonhighlands.com/maple-season.



Outdoors class gets boiling

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Outdoor Education class has close to 70 trees tapped in the surrounding forest and was busy boiling sap on Tuesday, Mar. 28. They had already bottled three gallons. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



HHSS' Outdoors Class had a roaring fire while boiling sap on Tuesday, Mar. 28.



Life at the Sugar Shack

Wintergreen Maple Products has their trees tapped and sap lines installed as they steadily collect each day the temperature goes above 0 degrees celsius. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Wintergreen's sap collection tank had a thin layer of ice overtop after a cold evening on Saturday, Mar. 25.

Boy Scouts look to dust off Haliburton camp

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With the pandemic winding down, Scouts Canada is itching to get back to the Haliburton Scout Reserve.

Kevin Anyan, manager of property operations at Scouts Canada's National Service Centre, lobbied Dysart et al. town council March 28 for a little help to improve accessibility to the property.

"We have literally hit a road block," Anyan said.

Both lanes of Kennaway Road are plowed only a certain distance before its whittled down to a single lane with a groomed snowmobile trail. Elsewhere, there are downed power lines that need to be removed.

"Without access to our property, we can't get staff in to revitalize the property and get ready for the camping season," he said.

Now that the snowmobile season is over and much of the groomed trail has melted, Anyan said he'd like to see the road plowed about 750 metres beyond the reserve's west entrance to the downed power lines. That way, power can be restored.

"We realize that snowmobiling is a great sport and part of the community and is important to the local economy," Anyan said.

What we are requesting is that the final four kilometres to the west gate be opened in the same manner as the previous two kilometres.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said he'd consult municipal staff about the road

request.

"But our resources are pretty well tapped," Fearrey said.

Anyan said the plan is to have the reserve opened year-round with somebody there two or three weekends of every winter month.

"But we do have staff that would need to get in two or three days a week," he said.

Scouts has been co-ed since 1998 and offers programming for youth five years old to adults 26 years old.

"We have thousands of scouts and scouters with marvelous memories of the Haliburton Scout Reserve, Canada's largest scouting property," Anyan said.

With enrollment numbers rebounding since the pandemic, now is the time to reopen the property, he said.

"And expand the seasonal experience to include shoulder seasons and eventually the winter season," he said.

Girls Guides, Outward Bound, and similar third-party groups would like to share the property.

"With over 5,000 acres and 11 lakes, we have lots of space," Anyan said.

International troops have also expressed interest in experiencing the Haliburton area.

Fearrey said the township is pretty cash-strapped to take on additional winter road maintenance.

"I think you can probably generate enough revenue off that property to look after the road yourselves," the mayor said.

"I'm not being harsh about this. We all know the great job that the Boy Scouts do and we're pleased to have you back in the community."

Fearrey said he'll get back to the Scouts with a firm answer at a later date.

"We need a solution going forward," Anyan said. "That's not necessarily a Dys-

art solution, but we do need to come up with a solution."

"There's lots of solutions," Fearrey said. "It's just the matter of who pays the bills."

HHOA Wild Game Dinner returns

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) president Dan Smith announces dinner during the first Wild Game Dinner and Auction held since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic on Saturday, Apr. 1 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129. The menu this year included venison, bear, moose, boar, buffalo, and rainbow trout. Funds raised from the 50/50 draw will go towards supporting the fish hatchery, stocking of local lakes, walleye spawning rehabilitation programs, and other HHOA initiatives. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



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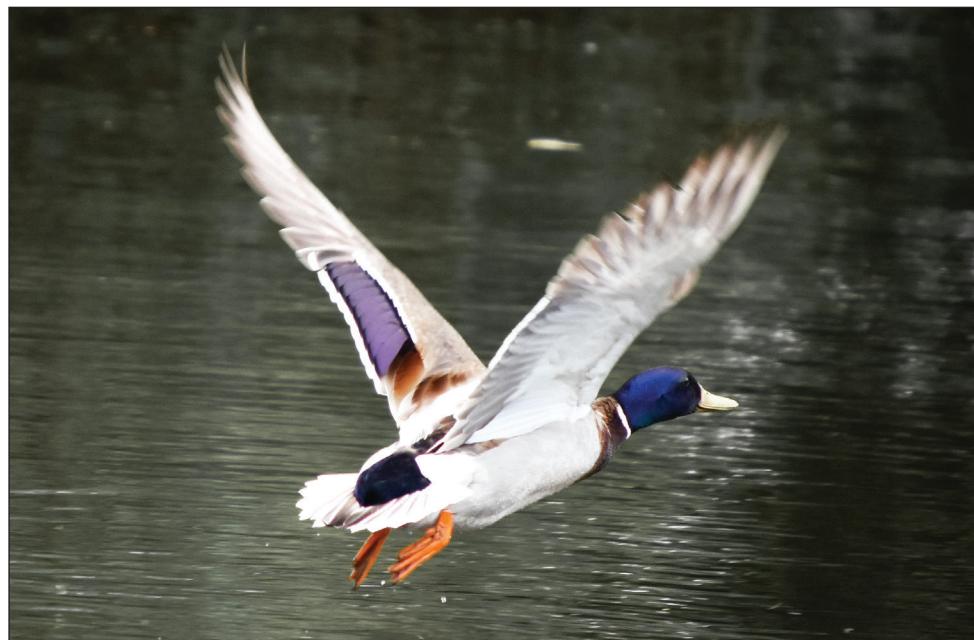
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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir



by Vivian Collings

A COVID silver lining

IT'S BEEN a couple of months since I sat down with Jenn Mills in the principal's office at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to chat about her new position, but I still think about her words often.

Whenever I go to the school now to take photos for the paper, I'm struck with an atmosphere very different to the one I had when I attended as a Red Hawk myself.

The feeling in the school and her goals for the school align perfectly.

I really did love attending Hal High. My friends and I reminisce about classes we wish we could take again, events we want to relive, and sports games we wish we could play in one last time.

I loved my experience, but the feeling in the school was definitely different to how I feel going through those doors now.

It's funny how our brains remember how a place makes us feel and will recreate those emotions until we gain new experiences in that same place.

Pulling up in front of the big brick building still gives me the same nervous butterflies - as if I'm about to be late for the bell, stand up for a book talk, or take a test in my next class.

When I walk in, though, it feels so different from when I was there.

If I had to describe how it feels to be within those walls now, I would use the words open, inviting, and accepting.

It feels like a safe place to be yourself. Students are open to sharing their art or giving sports their all.

At one given time, there are so many different projects being made, lessons being learned, and experiences being expressed.



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"Students are definitely more social now. It's back to that normal life now. Students can now meet and interact with anyone in the school," Mills said. "We're finally back to normal, and we can finally do things together again which is amazing."

It really seems as though a supportive setting with lots of tools to help students succeed, like mental health services, has created an environment for students to grow, thrive, and build stronger, more accepting relationships with each other.

Again, this is from an outsider's perspective, but I will just end with this; I wish I could go back to high school.

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A Mallard takes flight in Head Lake Park.

The nose knows

LUCY HAD just picked up the soap with her wet hands when it hit her. That smell. She was using Sunlight bar soap to clean some brushes in the basement. Suddenly she was no longer in the basement but instead outdoors with sunshine pooling on the forest floor. And surrounded by the lemony scent of that soap.

It was laundry day at the cottage and Lucy's mom had the old wringer washer chugging away on its wooden platform near the outhouse. An extension cord provided the power as the foamy water churned its twisted clothes up and down, round and round.

A large yellow bar of soap rested at the bottom of the tub, releasing its cleaning power as the machine worked. Once the clothes were cleaned, they'd be hung on the clothes line that ran between the post and a birch tree. Even rinsed, the smell of that soap continued to cling to the drying items.

Later, when Lucy stood in the semi-darkness of her cottage bedroom, putting on the slightly stiff clean pajamas, she could still catch a whiff of the soap. The smell then carried her off to sleep on its lemony cloud.

All it took was one whiff of that same soap to transport Lucy sixty years back in time. Such is the power of smell she thought, running the brushes once again under the basement tap.

According to experts, of all our senses, smell is the one most closely linked to memories. Just as the fresh scent of a pine tree in early winter can conjure up a feeling of Christmas or suntan lotion reminds Lucy of laying on her sandy beach towel. But it's more than just a memory. Scent makes her actually feel the past as though she is re-experiencing the event. She wondered if this was the same for everyone.

When she had finished with the brushes, she picked up the phone and invited Marie over for coffee. Lucy knew it had been a rough week for Marie. Her poodle had died and she was feeling pretty low. Usually Marie was the one to invite Lucy and it felt

good to do the asking for a change.

When Marie arrived she was carrying a basket wrapped with a tea towel. Fresh bran muffins to go with the coffee, she told Lucy. The two friends sat down in the kitchen, and as soon as Marie opened the tea towel, the smell of warm bran took over. These were real bran muffins, the kind Lucy's mother used to make and the kind Lucy mastered in Grade 7 Home Ec class. They were not the overly sweet cake-like items currently found almost everywhere.

Marie said these were her favourite because the smell reminded her of her childhood kitchen. Bran muffins with butter and honey on the table, a budgie in its kitchen corner cage and swirls of wallpaper all around. When she wanted to feel content, Marie made bran muffins.

Lucy then told Marie about her experience with the Sunlight soap. The two women agreed they were fortunate that these conjured memories were happy ones. But they also knew that was not always the case. While simmering spaghetti sauce might be comforting to some, a certain aftershave or spent fireworks might have the opposite effect.

Smell was not something to be easily blocked. After all most people breathe through their nose so what do you do when you don't want to smell something? What if you can't leave the area? Marie told Lucy that she used to feel trapped in the family car on weekend trips to the cottage. This was due to her mother's perfume. It had a very heavy scent and that, combined with cigarette smoke from two puffing parents and rolled up windows, made for an unpleasant, head-ache-producing trip. While hardly traumatic, the memory had stayed with Marie all her life.

Then Lucy reminded her that any day they would be smelling mud puddles and April showers, warming earth and emerging greenery. If winter was wood smoke, then spring was barbecues and Lilac bushes. Since those were still in the offing, both agreed it was time for another bran muffin.

Down



sharon
lynch

Our road

points of view

I love my scrub

I HAVE HAD the Apple Music app on my cell phone for a while, but I have never paid any attention to it. This is because I naturally assumed that it only played apple-themed songs. You know, tunes with lyrics such as "Don't sit under the apple tree, with anyone else but me..."

I have nothing against that 81-year-old song, but it is a little dated. So, imagine my surprise when I butt-dialed the Apple Music app the other day and heard a song that is, unless I'm totally out of touch, something that is much more current and popular with the kids.

I am, of course, referring to the song, *No Scrubs*, by TLC.

It goes without saying that any song written and performed by The Learning Channel is going to get my attention, man. And this one was no different.

In case you haven't heard it, *No Scrubs* is, as the cool kids say, "a snazzy little number with a good beat and a toe-tapping tempo!"

And I was really getting into the music, but soon became shocked and dismayed by the lyrics.

It was not at all what I expected.

I mean, I don't think I can be faulted for assuming that *No Scrubs* was a playful song describing what normal teenagers feel about dishwashing in general and pot-scrubbing in particular.

But, boy, was I wrong. It's not about that at all.

Apparently, these days (and by that, I mean since 1999) kids are using the term Scrub to describe a dog. Yes, *No Scrubs* is an anti-

dog song.

Don't believe me?

Listen to the following lyrics describing what a "Scrub" is.

"....Hangin' out the passenger side of his best friend's ride, trying to holla at me."

If that isn't describing a dog, I don't know what is.

To be fair, the lyrics describe a situation that is not uncommon. Sure, my dog and I are best friends. Yes, Rosie hangs out the passenger side of my ride. And, I'll even concede that she does "holla" at passersby every now and again. (Though around here we call it bark.)

Heck, I will even go so far as to admit a lot of dogs do this.

But, honestly, is it fair to stereotype all dogs with this tired old canine trope?

And then sing, almost teasingly, "I don't want no scrubs..."

Please tell me members of The Learning Channel, what else is a dog supposed to do in a car? Drive? They're already tried that on You Tube and it didn't work out so well.

You don't have to be a genius to conclude that this song was written by cat people – or perhaps even a cat.

Before anyone says I am over-reacting, let me just say this was not a one-off thing either. TLC has also made fun of dogs in at least two other songs, notably, "Ain't to proud to beg" and "Waterfalls", which speaks in a condescending manner to dogs with the line "Don't go chasing waterfalls..."

I believe that if the talented singers of The Learning Channel would get to know dogs or, OK, "Scrubs" a little better, they would be pleasantly surprised by what they discovered.

Scrubs are loyal, loving, sweet companions. They brighten your day and are always happy to see you.

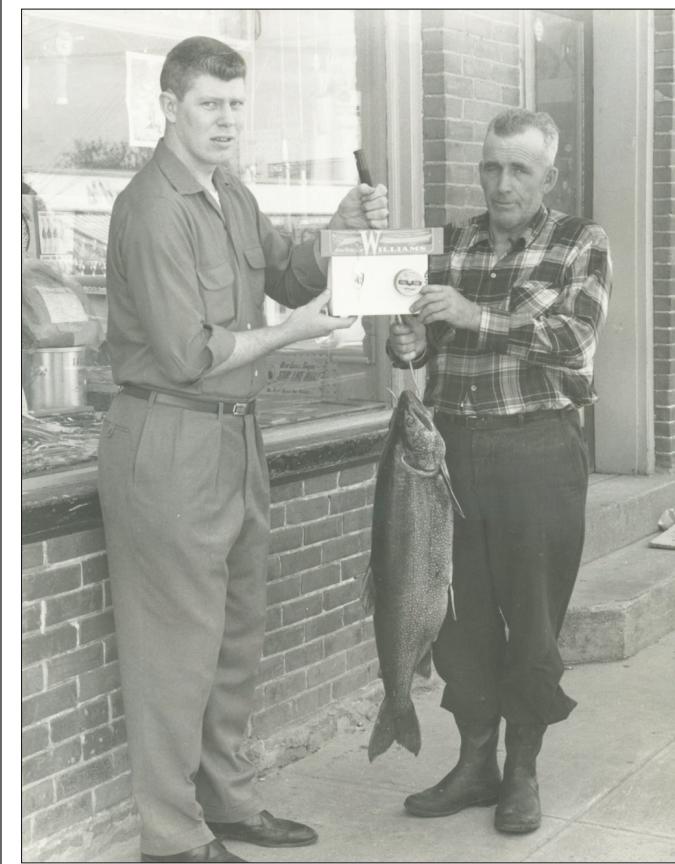
If you don't want no scrubs, hey, it's your loss.

Unless you are actually talking about scrubbing pots and pans. In which case, I understand completely...



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

Lake trout caught by Len Herron in Drag Lake June 4, 1961, 37 inches long, 22 pound 3 ounces, girth 22. Caught on Williams medium silver spoon .010 Duro-Los line. /Submitted by Doreen Rae

letters to the editor

Can Dysart follow suit with Algonquin Highlands?

To the Editor,

It is with profound sadness and wonderment that we learned Dysart Council expunged Policy 38 that contained the municipal protocol for reviewing communication towers. This is more than a little curious as council had already approved several Rogers tower applications, two on Haliburton Lake with but another 372 foot tower being proposed by Rogers Communications for review by Dysart Council shortly. Abandonment of this tower protocol in mid-stream with no provision for public discussion, or amendments to a protocol that was dedicated to "maintaining and protecting the aesthetic values of the community" while stressing the need for public consultation, demonstrates a lack of civic responsibility and stewardship.

There is no question that the approved tower locations in Dysart to date and the Rogers process for identifying tower locations runs contrary to sections of the former Dysart tower protocol. Perhaps this is why Council rescinded the policy. The protocol stressed the need for public consultation, which is defined as a discussion with (person, group) before making a decision. This never once took place even though Rogers and the Dysart director of planning publicly stated that it did. How could it? Rogers had already determined where tower sites would be located and negotiated land acquisition/leases before any public sessions were announced. This was an important enough

point for the mayor and council of Algonquin Highlands to recently reject a Rogers tower proposal for Oxtongue Lake. Their tower policy/proposal is similar to that which Dysart Council has now abandoned. The towers in Dysart have been void of any consultation or thoughtful discussion of tower integration with the installation of fibre optics presently underway, or the environmental intrusion all these towers will cause. Perhaps with the myriad of upgraded communications now being employed in Dysart, we won't need all the proposed Rogers towers.

By rescinding Policy 38, the municipality has also abrogated its responsibility to the federal department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) on our behalf. The ISED has reiterated to us "the importance of having a collaborative and consultative policy with respect to antenna systems". They set out the procedures and as local municipalities (LUAs) are directly impacted, they "can define their own antenna siting procedures in order to reflect the needs of their local community". The Dysart Council has abandoned its tower policy/protocol and procedures and as such cannot provide an assessment or tower site concurrence to the ISED as there is nothing to base this upon. Perhaps Dysart can borrow the protocol from Algonquin Highlands?

John Rowsome,
Haliburton Lake

Policy 38 vital to planned and in progress cell towers

To the Editor,

I was shocked when I read that Dysart et al council had abolished Cell Tower Policy 38 last week. To rescind this crucial piece of legislation that establishes rules, guidelines and regulations for the installation of the cell towers currently

planned for the Municipality is both irresponsible and unacceptable on the part of council. This protocol document is vital to the cell towers both planned and in progress in the municipality and cannot be thrown out while the cell tower process is on-going.

According to Policy 38, its purpose is to outline

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letters to the editor

We the people

To the Editor,

Are you tired of being blamed for all the damage done to the Earth in the form of climate change? We everyday normal people who recycle, reuse and reduce are being asked to foot the bill for the colossal misdeeds of huge corporations.

Just a few:

- the Deep Water Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico
- the Bhopal cyanide gas leak (15,000 to 20,000 dead)
- the spraying of Agent Orange over Vietnam

- the Exxon Valdez Prince Edward Sound Alaska oil spill (11 million gallons of oil spilled)

- the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster near Harrisburg Pennsylvania

- industrial waste polluting Love Canal, evacuating 239 families (still an uninhabitable wasteland)

- the Flint Michigan water supply

- the Chernobyl meltdown (350,000 evacuated)

- the deforestation of the Rain Forest

- the Gulf war oil spill (released 160 million gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf)

- the industrial asbestos cloud released

over Libby Montana (400 died and thousand disabled)

- the recent train derailment in East Palestine Ohio (the spilled chemicals set on fire created a mushroom cloud of poison phosgene gas - a chemical used during world war 1, worse than chlorine gas)

There are many more all caused by corporations who, if they were fined at all, it usually was in the amount of a small portion of their operating budget. Yet now with the implementation of the carbon tax, governments around the world are demanding that we the people, in many cases the actual victims, are being forced to pay.

Overall this tax will make most Canadian households financially worse off and is having significant negative effects on the economy and on Canadian workers across the country in the form of higher prices for home heating, gas and food costs. These too are just a few of the ramifications. Our federal and provincial governments are in the pockets of the corporation or on the stings of the puppet masters.

Get your wallets out because they're coming for your money.

Denise LeBlanc,
Minden

Call to Dysart to reinstate policy

from page 7

the procedure to be followed by applicants wishing to establish or expand telecommunication facilities within the Corporate limits of the Municipality of Dysart et al. This procedure must be followed in order to satisfy the requirements of Industry Canada for the consultation with local land use authorities and the public, prior to approval of an application by Industry Canada to establish or expand telecommunication facilities.

Furthermore, Policy 38 states that the Municipality of Dysart et al does not support the licensing and installation of new or expanded telecommunication facilities unless the requirements of this policy have been complied with.

Upon review of the purpose and the

requirements to be complied with by Policy 38 I fail to see how the Municipality of Dysart et al Council can justify rescinding this document.

I call upon the Municipality of Dysart et al Council to immediately reinstate Policy 38 in its original form without any modification.

I will add that the action to rescind such a crucial document certainly sets a very disturbing precedent. Is this how council intends on performing in the future? Will they rescind documents, policies and bylaws in the same manner? All members of Dysart et al Council need to seriously evaluate the consequences of their decision in this matter.

Raymond Provencal,
Haliburton Lake

Haliburton Lake tower will be visible day and night for residents

To the Editor,

Firstly, we support cell coverage and services, however, we don't support indiscriminate and excessive placements of cell towers.

Rogers will be erecting three 90 metre (295 feet) cell towers on Haliburton Lake that will be visible from the lake and to many property owners. Two of the three towers have been approved by Dysart Council.

Dysart had in place Policy 38 which protected placement of towers and advocated for towers to blend in with its surroundings. The policy outlined applicants who wish to expand telecommunications presence must follow an established framework. This includes public consultation by the applicant, and they must present a proposal that "embraces the core values of preserving the natural environment and resources and maintaining the municipality's rural and small town character..."

However, Dysart Council rescinded this policy Mar. 28.

The third tower (still to be approved) will be located just 300 metres from Curry Road

and a mere 400 metres from the shoreline of Haliburton Lake. This tower will be seen day and night by residents on the south end of the lake. Being 400 metres from the shoreline, the tower in no way "minimizes the visual impact of a telecommunication facility" and "preserves the natural environment" as per the former Policy 38.

Council realized this tower application could never have been approved under Policy 38. Dysart's solution to this dilemma, was to rescind Policy 38 midway through the approval process rather than refuse the application.

Algonquin Highlands' Council did the right thing, followed their policy (very similar to Dysart's policy) and turned down a 60 metre cell tower application for Oxtongue Lake.

Dysart voters should look at Dysart Council's action and question what other policies and bylaws will be rescinded to achieve Council's agenda.

Evelyn and Lee Fenwick,
Haliburton Lake

Speeding in Haliburton continues unabated

To the Editor,

Over the past five years, despite valiant efforts to affect change in driving habits through pixel speed monitoring boards, ticketing by the OPP, road usage assessments by the Roads Department, signage for deer crossings, personal conversations with the former mayor, a dead deer in my driveway, and multiple letters in the local papers, speeding in Haliburton continues unabated.

On Gelert Road alone, there is a fish hatchery, driving range, residential homes, a hospital, long term care facility, medical centre, and access roads to the three schools and residences on Grass Lake, plus nesting grounds for turtles, ducks, and multiple daily/nightly deer crossings.

Coming into town on Highway 118 from Tory Hill is a very steep hill with lots of curves - particularly treacherous on wet and wintry days. The 118 entry point from West Guilford also has a very sharp curve with the lake on one side and a seniors' residence on

the other - directly where seniors must cross the road to access the sidewalk. Haliburton's entry point on County Road 21 is fronted by several businesses, access to Industrial Park Road, a subdivision, and the driveway to the high school where all the school buses turn in twice daily.

Highland Street, the centre of town, with all its businesses, restaurants, delivery trucks, and local traffic, is at capacity daily, without the influx of seasonal visitors.

With the tourist season fast upon us, perhaps it is time for a different, more permanent approach. May I suggest: a permanent speed-monitoring pixel board at each of the four entry points into town and a reduced speed of 40 km per hour. Problem solved. If Kinmount can have the speed through town lowered to 40 km per hour, it shouldn't be impossible for Haliburton to follow suit.

Cheryl Cohoon,
Haliburton

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Super Trouper lights in the arena

Melanie Walter, left, and Ava Allaire share a laugh while skating to *I Have a Dream* during Minden Skating Club's annual carnival on Sunday, Apr. 2. The club, including CanSkate, Star Skate, and senior skaters performed *Mamma Mia* in front of full stands of attendees to finish off their skating year. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Skaters perform lifts during *Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!*



CanSkaters dance to *Voulez Vous* by ABBA with their coach Ava Allaire.



Paislee Cybulski performs her solo during Minden Skating Club's carnival on Sunday.





The Chester Spiel hosted 16 teams and 62 curlers on Friday, Mar. 31.

Chester Howse honoured at bonspiel

Mitch Stephen throws a rock for his team to sweep during the Chester Spiel held at the Haliburton Curling Club on Friday, Mar. 31 in memory of Chester Howse. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Winners of the Chester Spiel:

First Place: Susannah Moylan, Rachel O'Neill, Peggy Devine, and Wendy Miller
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Jim Hopkins throws a rock while Andrea Roberts gets ready to sweep.



HHSS alumni represent the community at Nationals

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Editor

Getting to compete in a national college curling championship is a huge achievement in itself, but being in it with two of your fellow HHSS alumni curlers on separate teams is quite another.

Jessica Byers and Jacob Dobson, now curling for Humber College, and Liam Little, now curling for Mohawk College, each competed on their respective teams at the National Championship from Mar. 15 to 19, but reminisce on the days they were on the ice together in Haliburton.

"Earning the opportunity to play at a Canadian National Championship is an honour, and being able to experience that with two other Haliburton County curlers who earned their own spot on their respective teams, makes me feel very proud of our small community," Byers said.

Little shared similar sentiments and said the reunion was one of the highlights of the tournament.

"It's always nice getting to see them and share the ice once again like the good old days," Little said.

Dobson's Humber men's team came first in the gold medal game against the SAIT Trojans from Alberta.

Little's Mohawk men's team came third at the championship, ending the competitive curling season bringing home a bronze medal in his first national tournament.

"The experience was one to remem-



Jacob Dobson, from left, Liam Little, and Jessica Byers all competed on their respective teams in both the provincial and national college curling championships this winter. The HHSS alumni are pictured after the championship. /Photo submitted

ber that's for sure. It was my first nationals and being able to walk away with a podium finish is pretty cool," Little said.

Byers' Humber women's team was at the top of seven round robin games and competed for the bronze medal.

"Although we fell short and lost the bronze medal game, we had a lot to be proud of. Our whole team won first team all-star honours," Byers said.

The three now college students from Haliburton have an extensive history

playing together.

Byers and Dobson started in the Haliburton Curling Club youth program together in Grades 4 and 5 while Little was curling in Minden.

"We all started playing together when we entered high school, and have been playing with, and against each other since, through high school championships, Under-20 and Under-18 competitive curling championships, mixed doubles competitions and now again with our college teams," Byers said.

Both Byers' and Little's teams felt pressure going into the medal games at the championship.

"The final game we played was very suspenseful knowing that we weren't guaranteed a medal. Our team played really well, and we got the job done," Little said.

Byers' women's team also competed for bronze.

"We played well in the playoff games, but like in all sports, sometimes it comes down to if the other team can make a perfect shot at the right times, and that's exactly what our oppositions did," Byers said.

The three HHSS alumni are taking with them an experience they will always cherish, and they look forward to next year's season.

"Competing alongside Liam and Jacob means so much because we know we have each other's back and is an amazing feeling knowing all the work we've put in coming from a small town has paid off," Byers said.

Former Red Hawk continues to soar

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's up up and away for Jacob Dobson as he continues his streak of significant curling wins. On March 19, the young athlete won gold at the Canadian College national competition in Sudbury. This accolade is added to his recent wins of the Canadian Junior Cup, the Swiss Junior Cup, and the Ottawa Valley Curling Association Superspiel. And that's just from this season.

Dobson won his first provincial title as a Red Hawk. "Ever since I started curling, I've dreamt about winning a Canadian title," he said. "It still feels surreal to think now I have."

The Haliburton County local is currently studying at Humber College, and specializing in justice studies. Through the many competitions, he noted that his roots are always tied back to the Haliburton Highlands. "It takes years of building up to these events," he said, "all of which started back in Haliburton with the Youth Curling Program."

Dobson intends to keep pushing forward with the sport in any way he can. "With the college side, I have a few more seasons of eligibility and hope to go back and defend our CCAA [Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association] title," he said.

He noted that by winning the CCAA this past year, the team earned a spot at

the Pointsbet Invitational. The event - held in Oakville next September - is one of the largest curling events in the country.

While the awards seem to come naturally to Dobson and his team, the sport takes a tremendous amount of dedication, perseverance, and energy. "This season my teams have focused on spending a lot of time in the gym with our personal trainers and working with our sports psychologists," shared Dobson. He also noted that there is an abundance of time on the road for the game, sharing that the final game of the past tournament was his 78th game of the season.

Dobson encouraged others to get into the sport, noting that while it may not always be easy, he believes it's always worth it. "My biggest suggestion for people just getting into the sport of curling is to make sure you have fun playing, and practice makes perfect," he said.

When asked about next steps, Dobson alluded to the journey ahead. "I will continue to compete on the competitive men's circuit, more details will be released publicly later," he shared.

While he continues to forge ahead, Dobson still makes the time to celebrate the successes along the way. "This team has put in so much work, and the success we've found this season, especially winning the CCAA gold, helps to make all that work feel even more worth it," he said.

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Season ends for Haliburton County's mighty team

The Haliburton County Huskies wrapped up their 2022/2023 season on March 30 against the Wellington Dukes. It was a close game, but the Dukes pulled forward with a 3-2 win, securing their spot in the next round. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



The Huskies kicked off the fourth game of the series against the Wellington Dukes with the husky mascot cheering on the team.



The Huskies share a moment with their team trainer after losing to the Wellington Dukes.

It was an emotional game on March 30 as the Huskies wrapped up their final game of the season.



Tyler Hodges #29 saves shot against the Wellington Dukes on March 30. Despite a close game, the Dukes managed to pull forward, securing their spot in the next round of the playoffs.



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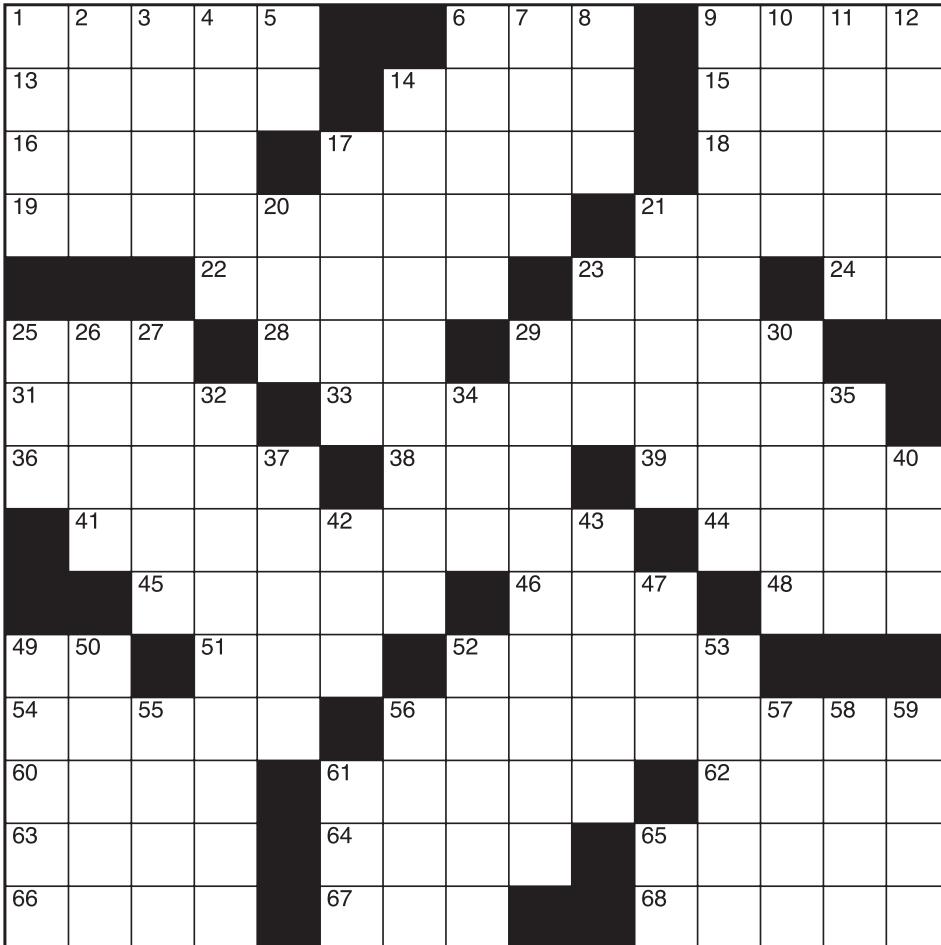
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- Type of school
- Incorrect letters
- Two-year-old sheep
- Nasty manner
- One who accepts a bet
- Indian prince
- Asian country
- Rhythmic patterns in Indian music
- "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- Detailed criteria
- Son of Shem
- Talked wildly
- Discount
- Not good
- Growing out

CLUES DOWN

- Actor Damon

- A call used to greet someone
- Part-time employee
- Emaciation
- "Westworld" actor Harris
- Gains possession of
- Relaxing spaces
- 23rd star in a constellation
- Northern grouse
- Monetary unit of Bangladesh
- Manila hemp
- Unites muscle to bone
- Makes deep cuts in
- 18-year period between eclipses
- Member of a people inhabiting southern Benin
- Synthetic rubbers
- Unwelcome rodent
- Expression of creative skill
- Some is red
- Seems less in impressive
- Harry Kane's team
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- Action of feeling sorrow
- Disallow
- Deceptive movement
- More dried-up
- Crimson
- Actress Ryan
- Adherents of a main branch of Islam
- Accomplished American president
- Side of a landform facing an advancing glacier
- Sheep breed
- Appetizer
- Broadway actress Daisy
- Influential film critic
- NY Giants ownership family
- Type of script
- Assist
- London park
- Bar bill
- In reply indicator

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Matt Duchene of the Nashville Predators has launched a campaign with the pictured hats, where all funds will go to Cure SMA Canada in his friend, Anthony Micallef's name. /Photo submitted

A different kind of hat trick for Duchene

EMILY STONEHOUSE*Staff Reporter*

Many readers would remember Anthony Micallef; a local graduate of Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and a vibrant personality through and through. Brianne Pockett, an EA at Hal High while Micallef attended, recalled that he was a class clown in the best way possible. "We developed a fast friendship based on comedies and sarcasm," she laughed. "We would go toe to toe saying lines from movies. Anchorman was usually our go to. He also loved a good joke or prank."

After graduating from Hal High, Micallef went on to attend Carleton University in Ottawa, where he received his undergraduate degree as well as his master's in information technology. "We kept in touch during his Carleton days," said Pockett. "I was so proud of him! He accomplished so much." Micallef became an accessibility consultant, and started his own business designing aides for physically handicapped individuals.

Micallef had a vibrant zest for life, and charmed everyone he met on his journeys. Yet through it all, he had a rare neuromuscular disability called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), which impacted the voluntary muscles used for activities such as walking, head and neck control, and swallowing.

Despite being told by many health professionals that he would not survive beyond childhood due to the uncommon disease, Micallef thrived. He made the most out of the time he had, and his efforts impacted countless lives.

Micallef tragically died last summer; a loss that impacted the many communities he was a part of.

One individual who was particularly impacted by the sudden loss, was Matt Duchene.

Duchene is a Haliburton local who currently plays for the Nashville Predators in the NHL. Despite spending years traveling for hockey, he always remained tied to his hometown. He met Micallef when the two boys were "very young" at Sunday school, and they remained close

as they grew up.

"I heard the awful news about Anthony this summer when it happened, and I couldn't shake it for about a week. It really, really shook me like it did to so many others," Duchene told the Times.

Since last summer, Duchene has spent time thinking about what he could do to honour the life of his friend. On March 7, he launched a campaign to raise money for Cure SMA Canada; an organization dedicated to supporting those navigating SMA. "I felt with my platform I would be able to really shine some light on what an amazing person he was and do something big on a charitable level in his name," he shared.

Duchene took to his social media channels to reach out to those interested in helping out. He said that while he has raised a significant amount of money through his "Hockey Tonk Suite" inside the Bridgestone Arena where he plays, he wanted to incorporate a tangible element into the fundraising initiative.

With this idea in mind, he released a limited edition hat for those who want to be a part of the cause. "I'm really hoping we sell out of the hats and have to re-order; that would be incredible," Duchene said. "I'm really excited to share the amount we'll be donating in his name."

While it's easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of fundraising, Duchene shared that he wants to remember the person Micallef was. "Anthony was not dealt a very good hand in life with his disability, but he never let that deter him from what he wanted to do or from being happy," he told the Times. "He was incredibly bright, kind, hardworking and he had a great sense of humour."

"It was great to see Matt's Instagram post on fundraising for SMA," said Pockett. "Matt is always so giving and compassionate and he never forgets Haliburton. He has a huge heart and shows it through his contributions to many fundraisers."

Duchene hopes the campaign is able to run throughout the duration of the regular NHL season, to raise as much money as possible in Micallef's name to benefit Cure SMA Canada.

For information about how to support the cause, visit Duchene.givesmart.com or follow @matt9duchene on Instagram.



Grooming for Healthcare comes to a close

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association presented the Haliburton Highlands Health Services with a \$1,000 donation from their Grooming for Healthcare campaign on Thursday, Mar. 30. They donated \$1 for every hour of grooming time on the "Rail Trail", which was 500 hours this year, and the club doubled the donation to HHHS. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



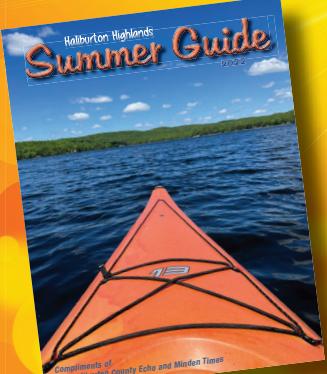
Paddling through YO's Speaker Series

James Raffan's presentation, A Double-Ended Obsession, on canoeing and his life experiences, was the March feature for Yours Outdoors' Speaker Series on Mar. 8 at the HHOA Fish Hatchery. The next Speaker Series presentation, The Art of Birding, will be given by local artists Carol Moffatt, Tracy Lee Green and Greg Gillespie as they share how birds have inspired their work on Wednesday, Apr. 12 at the HHOA Fish Hatchery. To register, visit events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejorirygd7e3dec&oseq=&c=&ch=. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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Why Your Opinion Matters TOURISM MATTERS



You may have seen the recent Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December. In this fourth installment of six, we are picking up and adding to last month's theme with a further look at the County's Department of Tourism and how the work done here impacts the overall prosperity of the Haliburton Highlands.

The County of Haliburton's Office of Tourism plays a critical role in not only promoting the region's natural beauty and unique experiences, but in also actively engaging the local community in these efforts as a way of building up the destination to the benefit of all – visitors and residents alike.

One of the key roles of the office is to create and execute effective marketing campaigns to attract visitors to the region. This includes developing a strong brand identity for the County of Haliburton, highlighting the region's natural attractions, cultural events, and outdoor activities. By effectively promoting the region to a wider audience, the office helps to increase visitor numbers, which in turn drives the local economy.

Some of the various marketing activities the office engages in include:

- The development of the 2023 Explore Map
- The development and distribution of the visitor newsletter (which as mentioned last month continues to outperform industry standards when it comes to engagement)
- Working with 'Kawartha Now' – experts in digital marketing – to promote hiking in the Highlands, reaching a very targeted audience (younger demographics, cottage enthusiasts, and reaching markets in the GTA that are specifically interested in escaping to cottage country)
- Promoting the Haliburton Highlands on the Ontario Road Map and our hiking trails on the Ontario Trails Map
- And much more

The development and continuous enhancement of the tourism website – MyHaliburtonHighlands.com – is also an integral part of promoting the destination and enhancing the visitor experience. Staff are always busy upgrading the site, adding new pages (such as a new events calendar for live entertainment), new blogs, and, just recently, a new itinerary feature that is integrated with Google maps to improve visitor mobility.

Furthermore, the Office of Tourism recognizes the importance of community involvement in tourism development and continually engages with residents, community groups, and small business owners to ensure the visitor economy benefits the entire community. This can include collaborating with local organizations to develop cultural and heritage tourism initiatives, supporting local festivals and events, and promoting sustainable tourism practices that minimize negative impacts on the environment and local community.

The office also provides resources and support to local entrepreneurs and small business owners by way of in-person visits (over 75 to-date) and one-on-one consultations. They provide valuable resources, such as market research, and offer training and mentorship opportunities in partnership with various industry associations.

The Office of Tourism plays a vital role in promoting the Haliburton Highlands and building a sustainable and prosperous tourism industry that benefits both residents and visitors. Through effective marketing campaigns, community involvement, and support for local businesses, the office helps to increase visitor numbers, drive the local economy, and minimize negative impacts on the environment. As it continues to engage with residents, community groups, and small business owners, the Haliburton Highlands will undoubtedly continue to thrive as a desirable and sought-after destination for years to come.



Watch this space for more information relating to the results of the RSS. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please get in touch with Tracie Bertrand, Manager of Tourism for Haliburton County, at tbertrand@haliburtoncounty.ca.



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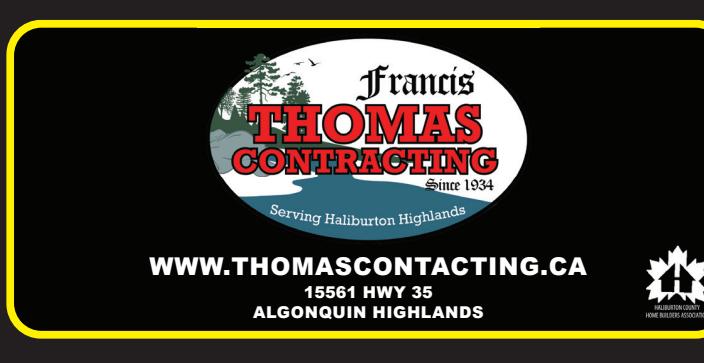


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He came from away

Gordon Pinsent was most believable in every character that her portrayed - be it Sir Sam Hughes, the well-known army general originally from Clarington, Ontario, but indelibly attached to Haliburton due to the large retreat he once owned in the region - or as a concerned farmer, politician, or other interesting character.

To work with Mr. Pinsent on a photo assignment (as I had the good fortune to on many occasions), or to meet him on the street, he was always the helpful, friendly nextdoor neighbour. Born in Newfoundland, before it became a part of Canada, it could be said that he came from away to enter Canada.

When Canada united with Newfoundland we not only attained the gift of such a beautiful land, but the many talented, caring, thoughtful people within it - like Gordon Pinsent. He quickly became a most popular and admired Canadian in his new found land. He achieved numerous awards for his craft during his lengthy career, and even more lasting friendships and admirers the world-over. In life's theatre, he became an icon.

Gordon, you will be missed by many. Thank you for all that you shared.

Submitted by Fred Phipps



Gordon Pinsent photographed by Fred Phipps.



Notice (Applicant - Morris/Morris/Tweg)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Contau Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 13, Concession 5, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **Van Harten Surveying Inc., completed June 23, 2022**. (Parts 2, 4, 6, and 9 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East.)

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 28th day of March, 2023.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0
rrogers@highlandseast.ca
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Notice (Applicant - Amendola/Wellman)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Esson Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 25, Concession 13, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-10707 made by **IBW Surveyors, completed November 24, 2021**. (Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East.)

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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Notice

(Applicant - 1083 Hutton Drive Cottage Association)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Koshlong Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 15, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-10762 made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed December 19, 2022**.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

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And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 4th day of April, 2023.

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DropZone! Lip sync battle results

The DropZone at West Guilford Community Centre hosted a Lip Sync Battle on Saturday, Mar. 25 where participants could show off their talent for an afternoon of fun and an opportunity to win cash prizes.

First place: Ryann Scott

Second place: Meghan Walker and Jessa Thompson

Third place: Holly Carpenter and Jack Walker

Submitted



Form 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 27, 2023, at the Highlands East Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Highlands East Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 01 601 000 52100 0000; 1930 Glamor Lake Rd., Gooderham; PIN 39233-0140 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 11 MONMOUTH AS IN H136595; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-02

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$145,000.00

Minimum tender amount: \$15,145.32

2. Roll No. 46 01 902 000 01902 0000; Irondale Rd.; PIN 39225-0148 (LT); LT 5 CON 6 GLAMORGAN BTN BURNt RIVER & RDAL BTN CON 5 AND CON 6; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-06

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$1,600.00

Minimum tender amount: \$3,168.99

3. Roll No. 46 01 902 000 55900 0000; Highlands East; PIN 39230-0218 (LT); PT LT 28 CON 9 GLAMORGAN AS IN H40836; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-08

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$26,000.00

Minimum tender amount: \$6,461.46

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit: www.OntarioTaxSales.ca

or if no internet access available, contact:

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Celebrating Easter

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Drop-Zone at the Community Centre is active on Friday evenings. Saturday, Mar. 25 the action centred around a lip-sync contest. The winner was Ryann Scott with a Prince performance. Meghan Walker and Jessa Thompson granddaughters of Ed Whiteway placed second, and third place went to Holly Carpenter, Angela Sisson's granddaughter. More were interested in the event, but weather prevented this time. To contact re birthday parties on Saturday afternoons, call Susan at 457-7023 or Cheryl Cooper at 754-3210. All

age groups find games and entertainment to suit their interests.

Years ago when St. Georges choir was thriving, I was introduced to the formal accepted Easter greeting: "He is risen" and the response is "He is risen indeed!" At the very least we can say Happy Easter, but on Easter Sunday morning the formal excited greeting means much more, at least to Lutheran and Anglican parishioners. Of course, Christians of any denomination are glad for this greeting. So may yours be a joyous Easter.

A few stalwart workers, plumbers to be exact, are to be hard at work on my land to reconstruct or resurrect well and pipe connections. May they be blessed with good weather and health during said operations. Thanks to all for these endeavours.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
DYSART ET AL

• DATE:
• TIME:
• LOCATION:

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2023

9:05 AM

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR OFFICIAL PLAN
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AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Applications:

Lands of Hot Pond Enterprises Corp.
(File Nos.: D08-OP-2022-001 and D14-ZB-2022-010):

• Purpose and Effect:

i) **Application to amend the Official Plan:** The proposed amendment would change the designation on the subject property from Commercial Areas to Urban Residential Areas. The purpose of this application is to permit medium density residential development on the subject property.

ii) **Application to amend the Zoning By-law:** The proposed by-law would rezone the subject property from the Urban Residential Type 1 (R1) zone, General Commercial – 4 (C-4) exception zone, and General Commercial – 4 (H-C-4) exception zone with holding provision to Urban Residential Type 3-XX (R3-XX) exception zone. Site specific zone provisions will be included to properly regulate the development of the land and recognize site specific provisions including, but not limited to the maximum dwelling units per lot, minimum parking space requirements, minimum setback from property line, lot coverage etc. and to permit medium density residential development on the subject property. The property will also be subject to a holding provision as a result of this application.

The subject property is located in within *Haliburton Village Urban Policy Area, Special Policy Area – Haliburton Village and designated Commercial Areas in the Official Plan of the Municipality of Dysart et al.*

- This is a concurrent public meeting with respect to the proposed official plan amendment and the proposed zoning by-law amendment so that all relevant information is considered.
- **Location:** Maple Avenue and Victoria Street, (48 Maple Avenue) legally described as Part Lot 12, Concession 8, Lot 6, Block T, Plan 1 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartet.al.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS:
Contact the Planning and Land Information Department by appointment during regular office hours (8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday), or by contacting Kris Orsan, Manager of Planning at korsan@dysartet.al.ca.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 4th day of April 2023.

Kris Orsan, CPT,
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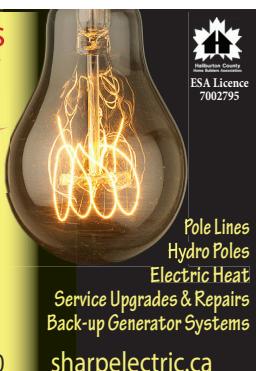
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Jeannette Wagenaar (nee Lacasse)

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Friends are invited to call at ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MISSION CHURCH 27 Victoria St. PO Box 1200 Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, for Mass Of Christian Burial at 1 o'clock. As an expression of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony Of Padua Mission Church would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Plans to build a commercial plaza in the area where the late Dr. Harry Good's house sits overlooking the river leading to Grass Lake have been abandoned but a new proposal would see the construction of a new doctors' clinic that would be connected to a 100-unit retirement community.

In February last year a proposal for a 64,000 square foot commercial building on 9.5 acres was put forward by the Otis Group of Companies out of Toronto. A public meeting in the Dysart et al council chambers was packed with people voicing their opposition to having the area rezoned from residential to commercial. The most frequent objection was that Haliburton did not need more retail space outside of the downtown core when there were empty storefronts on the main street. The property was, however, rezoned and then the proposal was abandoned. Philip Otis did not return a phone call from the Echo asking for an explanation.

Last week, a new developer, Dr. Daniel Perlitz of Dravidian

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When Irish eyes are singing
Margaret Jeske and her Gentlemen of Song delighted the crowd at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Friday. As dozens of people filled the Haliburton Legion to enjoy Irish stew and biscuits to raise money for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, the men's choir brought a touch of the Emerald Isle to the festivities with their rendition of traditional Irish music.

Maple syrup producers get tax reprieve

Industrial assessment would have put an end to 'mom and pop' operations

JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporter

Local maple syrup producers are breathing a collective sigh of relief. The provincial government has announced that it will not implement the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's recommendation to tax maple syrup producers at industrial tax levels.

The MPAC recommendation would have meant a huge increase in taxes to maple syrup producers and put most "mom and pop" operations out of business.

"We have taken immediate steps to address the concerns of maple syrup producers," said Finance Minister Greg Sorbara in a news release issued Wednesday. "We are listening to people's concerns about the importance of consistent and timely application of assessment and classification policies by the MPAC."

Maple syrup producers faced a change in classification from farm to industrial for the 2004 taxation year.

"We will continue to work with these groups and Ontarians to come up with

property tax assessment solutions that work," Sorbara said.

The news release said that the government is calling on MPAC, maple syrup producers and representatives of the broader farming community to develop mutually-acceptable criteria for deciding what constitutes industrial production of maple syrup.

"The government will also work with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and other agricultural groups to establish clarity in agricultural definitions for the purpose of property classification," said

Steve Peters, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Tom Dawson has a small family maple syrup production called Wintergreen on Haliburton County Road 1 near Gelert.

"That needed to happen," was his initial comment when he learned that the government had decided not to change the taxation structure as planned. "It was causing all kinds of problems."

Dawson said he has spoken at length to policy directors at MPAC. "They have tried this

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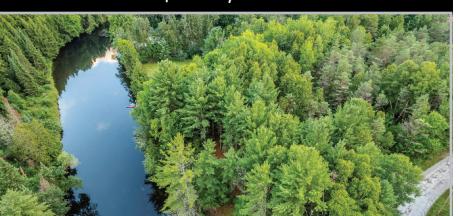
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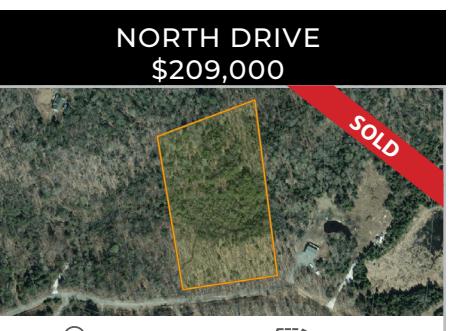
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